

March 28, 2023

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The total project cost is close to \$90 million. The building will break ground in fall 2023. Mercy Housing is building its capital stack with City and State sources of funds and Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) totaling approximately \$70 million for the residential air space parcel. HPP is currently fundraising \$20 million for the commercial air space portion. **HPP is fundraising for approximately 12,500 square feet of additional program space for its nonprofit family support programs, allowing them to increase their services to an additional 400-500 families annually, expanding their reach from 3,500 families to 4,000 families annually.** 

The bottom two floors of commercial space are critical to the success of this project. They will incorporate the programming aspects of permanent supportive housing that low-income families need to become self-sufficient, while living upstairs in affordable units. **This project could be a model for future partnerships between service providers and affordable housing developers**.

Given its incredible impact on families in Congresswoman Pelosi's District – as well as its potential as a broader solution to family homelessness – I hope the committee will fund this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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## Member, Board of Supervisors District 2



City and County of San Francisco

## **CATHERINE STEFANI**

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Speaker Emerita Pelosi 1236 Longworth H.O.B. Washington, DC 20515

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